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TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

As by recent arrangements, we have acquired many new readers, who may be perhaps unacquainted with the peculiar plan and objects of this Journal, it is proper to say a few words on the subject. The *American Journal of the Medical Sciences* was commenced in November, 1827. The design of those concerned in its publication was to establish a NATIONAL WORK, *devoted exclusively to the improvement of medical science, and to elevate the character and dignity of the profession, to the entire rejection of all* LOCAL *and* INDIVIDUAL *interests and* PARTY *views.* To effect these objects, a large number of the distinguished medical men in every part of the union associated, and most of them have already contributed to the work. In the selection of original papers, the editors have had reference to *practical interest,* and have inserted only such as they believed would convey useful information at home, and be creditable to the country abroad. The communications already published, are from almost every section of the union, and as the editors never regard themselves as arbiters of medical opinion, exhibit great diversity of views.

In the department of Reviews and Bibliographical Notices, the editors endeavour to make their readers acquainted at the earliest period possible with all works, both foreign and domestic, which contain useful information—passing by those of little or no interest, except where the authority of a name gives sanction to what appear dangerous doctrines: in all cases, free criticism is admitted, when conducted with candour, and in that temperate and courteous tone which alone comports with the dignity of science. The articles in this department are likewise by various writers.

The Periscope is devoted to the annunciation of improvements in medicine; for which purpose most of the medical journals of Europe and this country are procured, and the editors have also access to the valuable libraries of the different scientific institutions of this city. Every new publication is carefully examined—all the useful information briefly noticed—and many of the most valuable papers given in a condensed form—thus presenting a complete summary of the progress of medical science. The articles are arranged according to their subjects under distinct heads. This plan is preferable to that of analyzing each Journal separately, as it affords to the inquirer direct reference to the immediate object of his research—saves much time and labour—and space is not occupied with worthless matter, often to the exclusion of what is useful, as must occur where there is no liberty of selection. Great attention is devoted to this department, and it is believed that it will be found to embrace, in addition to the interesting matter contained in the periodical publications, a mass of facts from new works to which access could not otherwise readily be obtained.

Anonymous communications are never admitted. The editors are, consequently, allowed a greater freedom of selection, without compromising their own opinions, and criticism is more surely restricted within proper bounds.

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The responsibility for articles not signed rests with the immediate editor, Dr. Hays.

Having originated under the influence of physicians belonging to the different states, and most of the medical schools of the union; exclusively devoted to the honour and advancement of professional reputation and usefulness; unshackled by sectional, party, or personal feelings, it is not surprising that the American Journal of the Medical Sciences should have received a support from AMERICAN physicians, perhaps unexampled in the history of similar enterprises. The principles which have induced this result, the same catholic and elevated views of duty which have hitherto actuated its conductors, will continue to determine their course and control their proceedings. An undeviating regard to the great interests of the profession, and an unabated ardour in the cause of truth and science, will exclude all personalities, so universally the offspring of irritated egotism, as well as prevent the Journal from condescending to notice the attacks of such as conceive themselves aggrieved by a plan which denies admission to articles unsuited to advance the great cause of medical science, or unworthy the organ of a liberal and dignified profession.

The medical public are deeply interested in the success of this work, and they are invited to furnish to it their contributions.

Communications have been received from Dr. DANIELL, of Savannah; Dr. PENDLETON, of New York; Dr. PEIRCE, of Sutton, Massachusetts; and Dr. WELLS, of Maracaybo.

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Description of the Distinct, Confluent, and Inoculated Small-Pox, Varioloid Disease, Chicken-Pox, and Cow-Pox. Illustrated by thirteen Plates. By John D. Fisher, M. D. (from the author.)

A system of Dental Surgery. In three parts. I. Dental Surgery as a science. II. Operative Dental Surgery. III. Pharmacy connected with Dental Surgery. By Samuel Sheldon Fitch, M. D. Surgeon Dentist, (from the author.)

A Biographical Memoir of Wright Post, M. D. late Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, and President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the City of New York. Delivered as an Introductory Lecture, on the 4th of November, 1828. By Valentine Mott, M. D. Professor of Surgery in Rutgers College, New York, (from the author.)

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The Western Journal of the Medical and Physical Sciences, for November, 1828, and January and February, 1829, (in exchange.)

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Professor Dickson's paper on Dengue is reviewed in the Western Medical and Physical Journal, for November, 1828.

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Authors of new medical books, desirous of having them reviewed or noticed in this Journal at the earliest opportunity, are invited to transmit to the Editors a copy as soon after publication as convenient, when they will receive prompt attention. Under ordinary circumstances, very considerable delay is caused by the circuitous routes through which they are received.

Papers intended for publication, should be sent, *free of expense*, as early after the appearance of the Journal as possible, in order to be in time for the ensuing number. Such communications should be addressed to "Carey, Lea & Carey, Philadelphia, for the Editors of the American Journal of the Medical Sciences." All letters on the *business* of the Journal to be addressed exclusively to the publishers.

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